

News Release

International Week brings Fun wi Tita, director of Making a Difference International to U of M, Crookston during a Week of Exciting Activities November 12-16, 2012

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A celebration of International Education Week will be held November 12-16, 2012, and includes a week packed with events and activities. Highlighting the week is a presentation by Fun wi Tita (at right), director of Making a Difference International (MADI) on Wednesday, November 15, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.



MADI specializes in poverty-alleviation activities including the provision of basic personal needs such as clothing and shoes, in tangent with the monetary support of child health, microfinance, agricultural and educational initiatives in Uganda. Tita's presentation will include photographs during an engaging session about the vital work of the MADI organization.

If you are interested in international cuisine, you are invited to dine on Monday, November 12 on food from the four corners of the world. Featured countries include France, Mali, Vietnam, and Korea. The public is welcome to eat lunch at a cost of \$7.65 per person being served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Brown Dining Room. Everyone is encouraged to wear traditional clothing representing your heritage and at 3 p.m. that afternoon there will be pictures and prizes awarded.

Tuesday, November 13, is an opportunity to experience a day without shoes and everyone is encouraged to bring a pair of shoes for donation. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the International Lounge, there will be a variety of surfaces available to walk on as a way of experiencing the terrain of other countries in the world.

From 12 to 1 p.m. in Brown Dining Room D, Sargeant Student Center, Senior Timothy Baker, a natural resources major from Copperas Cove, Texas, will share information about his three study abroad experiences in Thailand, New Zealand, and the Galapagos and the secrets to making these trips work. Bring your own lunch and join this discussion of learning abroad.

From 12 to 2 p.m., English as Second Language (ESL) students will host a poster session in the International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. The public is invited to ask questions and visit with these students and vote on the best poster. Prizes will be awarded to the "judges" as well as to the students.

Students who spent spring break 2012 in Spain will be sharing their digital storytelling project from 4-5 p.m. during a reception for them in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center and refreshments will be served.



Wednesday, November 14 from 2-6 p.m. is the International Market (pictured in 2011, at left) in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. This year's market will feature items from Nepal, local community artists, along with many items from around the world.

From 7-8 p.m., Fun wi Tita will present his own childhood challenges and talk about the work of Making a Difference Internationally, Inc., in the Kiehle Auditorium. Admission to the presentation is a donated item of shoes or clothing or a canned good. Everyone is encouraged to come and hear about this important work in Africa. Refreshments will be served. To learn more about Making a Difference at [www.madinc.org](http://www.madinc.org).

On Thursday, November 15 is the International Photo and Art Contest held in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. Winners will be featured in a calendar produced by the Office of International programs.

A program and reception will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center for Abbey and Dae Yuel "Danny" Lee who are 2012 recipients of the Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity (SEED) award. The program begins at 3 p.m. with the reception following.

From 12 to 1 p.m. on Friday, November 16, Wemimo Samson Abbey, a senior from Lagos, Nigeria, majoring in business will share the story of Change Africa, an international cause dedicated to fighting poverty with education and sustainable free enterprise endeavors in developing Africa. The presentation will take place in Bede Ballroom A and B, Sargeant Student Center.

From 3 to 5 p.m. everyone is invited to a martial arts how-to session in Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center. Learn some unique moves from a wide variety of martial arts styles.

Concluding the week from 5 to 7 p.m. is the International Kids Carnival held in the International Lounge with games in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center sponsored by Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA) and the Multicultural International Club (MIC). Families with children 10 and under are especially invited to attend.

Background

International Education Week, scheduled November 12-16, 2012, is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. First held in 2000, today it is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide. To learn more, visit <http://iew.state.gov>.

To find out more about what is happening during International Education Week at the U of M, Crookston, visit the Today page at [www.uncrookston.edu/today](http://www.uncrookston.edu/today).

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